



**TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA), PORT SECURITY GRANT
PROGRAM ANALYSIS OF TOP U.S. PORT COMPLEXES
AND FIRST THREE TSA FUNDING ROUNDS
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The Los Angeles and Long Beach port complex submitted 12 grant requests, totaling \$18,584,736, in Round 4 of the TSA Port Security Grant application process. The amount of funding required for the 12 projects is approximately \$22,820,118. After submitting these grants, a review of the awards in the first three TSA funding rounds was conducted. The analysis focused on a comparison of the nation's top three container port complexes in terms of twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) for the three grant periods (2002-2003).

The analysis utilized the American Association of Port Authorities and TSA data to establish TEU counts and Port Security Grant dollars awarded to enhance cargo security. The analysis included funding awarded to public entities, such as port authorities, transportation agencies and police departments, and excluded funding for ferry and cruise vessel security, as well as funding for private entities, such as companies and terminals. It also excluded Operation Safe Commerce funding.

The analysis provided evidence that the Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex ranks far behind other U.S. megaports with respect to grant funding for each TEU handled over 2002 and 2003. The analysis revealed that the New York/New Jersey port complex received \$3.00 per TEU, while the Seattle/Tacoma port complex followed closely with \$2.56 per TEU. Alarming, the Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex received only \$1.42 per TEU, which is more than one dollar less than the other major port complexes.

Perhaps most remarkable, this disparity exists despite that fact the Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex is the largest in the nation and is the third largest container port complex in the world – handling nearly 15 million TEUs more than the next U.S. port over the two-year period, and supplying 42% of the nation's containerized cargo. Additionally, the Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex is among the largest cruise ship and petroleum port complex in the country. It is evident the Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex is not receiving its fair share of federal funding compared to its value and importance to nation.

U.S. Major Container Port Complexes – TSA Funding Per TEU (2002-2003)

